

## Tobacco Dependence

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### Mission ...

To identify uniform outcomes that different sites could utilize in their studies.

### Specific Aims ...

This served two functions: First, to align smoking outcomes with the general smoking literature; and secondly, to encourage cross-site analyses.

### Major Highlights ...

- Creation of three levels of tobacco-related measurement items that could be used for all participating BCC sites at baseline and follow-up.
- The workgroup had multiple phone meetings regarding the creation of the baseline measures used across the BCC studies.
- Participated in the trans-behavioral outcome workgroup.

### Collaborative Strategies ...

- Recommended baseline and follow-up measures were made available to the BCC studies through the BCC website.
- Organization of the baseline measures across the five tobacco groups.
- Discussion of potential cross-site analyses. (This was limited by differing study design, outcomes, and time frame of data set availability.)

### Future Directions ...

Continuing cross-site data comparison/analysis. This, however, is limited by the differential in data collection times across sites and funding issues. Either the M&DA group can address these in the long term, or potential for obtaining additional funds for cross-site analyses at the time data sets are complete.

### Suggested Cross-Site Activities ...

In addition to above, we would recommend further efforts to create a transbehavioral outcomes assessment/index with the goal of being able to prioritize clinical efforts to effect these behaviors.

